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## Registered Sex Offender Convicted of Rape, Sexually Abusing Minors

A registered sex offender pleaded no contest yesterday to raping one teen and having unlawful sex with two others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Thursday's court appearance, Richie Esquivel Corvera, 30, of Whittier pleaded no contest to three felony counts in case VA141094: one count of forcible rape – child victim over 14 years and two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced May 31 in Department R of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. Corvera is expected to be sentenced to 11 years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Chad Gillette, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 8, 2015, the defendant struck up a conversation with a 16-year-old girl at a store and offered to take her to a coffee shop.

Rather than take the girl to the shop, the defendant drove her to a motel, the prosecutor said. Although the girl did not want to go to the motel room, she eventually followed Corvera inside. While in the room, the defendant raped the teen, according to the prosecutor.

On Jan. 20, 2016, Corvera met a 15-year-old girl at a high school parking lot. Corvera asked the girl to hang out with him and the teenager entered his vehicle. The defendant then took the girl to a motel and had sex with her, the prosecutor added.

The next day, Corvera met another teenage girl and offered to take her home, the prosecutor said. The defendant then drove the teen to a motel and had sex with her, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Whittier Police Department.

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